

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also being submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Blanchard (U.S. 5,449,099).

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitting herewith a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure for that originally filed with this application to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Entry of the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and has added new claims 4-6 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward a size tag clip assembly for a hanger (A) comprising: a size tag clip (D) located on the hanger and having a protruding plate (D1) with a triangular shape and having: a tip (D7); two symmetrical surfaces (D4), each of the two symmetrical surfaces having downwardly sloping protrusions (D3)

and side surfaces (D2) located perpendicular to and adjacent to the tip; a tilted sloping surface (D5); and a ditch (D6) formed between the tilted sloping surface and the hanger; and a size tag (B) having a snap (B1) and a face opening (B2) located in the snap, the size tag being removably connected to the size tag clip, wherein, when the size tag is connected to the size tag clip, the snap is located in the ditch and the tilted sloping surface extending into the face opening.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: an angle of the upwardly tilted sloping surface is greater than an angle of the downwardly sloping protrusions; and the protruding plate is connected to one side of the hanger.

The cited reference to Blanchard teaches a hanger with a child-proof size-indicator having a tab-holding section (16) having three channels (22, 24, 26), a rib (28), and a receiving section (50, 52) located between the rib and an edge (30) of a flared base portion (38).

Blanchard does not teach a size tag clip having a protruding plate with a triangular shape; a ditch formed between the tilted sloping surface and the hanger; nor does Blanchard teach each of the two symmetrical surfaces having side surfaces located perpendicular to and adjacent to the tip.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Blanchard does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Blanchard cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Blanchard does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Blanchard renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

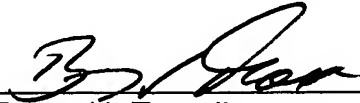
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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